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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 08 March 2007 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.


c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

See the attached Office Action.

  
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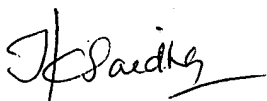
37 CFR 1.312 Amendment

1. Applicants' amendment filed March 8, 2007, under 37 CFR 1.312 is acknowledged. The amendment presented corrects the grant number of U.S. Government Support in the specification, and does not change the scope of the claims as allowed or introduce any new matter. **The amendment is entered.**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tekchand Saidha whose telephone number is (571) 272 0940. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.30 am - 5.00 pm.

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